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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/675,868	<b>Applicant(s)</b> LIM ET AL.	
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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2 and 4-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/13/08 has been entered.

Claims 1-2 and 4-8 are pending in the application.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2 and 4-8 rejected under 35 U. S. C. 103 over have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

Claims 1-2 and 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U. S. Patents 4,999,187 ('187) and 6,669,933 ('933).

Instant application is claiming a composition for application to the hair using combination of three conditioning agents drawn to oils. Patent '187 teaches hair treatment compositions using olive oil and almond oil. Oils are known conditioning agents since they provide emolliency to the hair/scalp. See the abstract. Patent at col.1, ll 49-55, col.2, ll 15-30 teaches olive oil and almond oil for scalp. See also claims 1-3. The difference between the patent and the instant application is patent does not disclose meadow foam seed oil as the second conditioning agent and the limitation of claims 7-8 having surfactant into the compositions. However patent '193 teaches compositions for coloring hair. Patent '193 at col.8, ll 25-33

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teaches meadowfoam seed oil as the conditioner. Patent '193 at col.14, ll 1-2 teaches adding one or more conditioners that exert conditioning effect on the hair. Patent '193 under example 1, at col.17 and also teaches using meadow foam seed oil. Patent at col.11, ll 4 through col.5, and col.6, line 7 teaches emulsifiers or surfactants.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to prepare compositions of '187 having olive oil and almond oil and add meadow foam seed oil taught by patent '933 as conditioner oil in analogous hair compositions. Known work in the field of endeavor, which is hair care in the instant application would prompt one skilled in the hair care art to modify the compositions by having known conditioners since the variations is predictable to one skilled in the hair care art, which is conditioning the hair. With respect to the claimed composition requiring three conditioning agents with three functions: one that penetrates into the core of the hair, one that penetrates into the cortex of the hair but does not substantially penetrate into the core of the hair, and one that does not substantially penetrate into the cortex of the hair, prior art does not disclose claimed function of oils, prior art teaches the same claimed oils as conditioners therefore the oils will have the function of the oil claimed in the instant application .

The use of the term “comprising” permits the presence of other ingredients and does not preclude the presence of other ingredients, active or inactive, even in major amounts. Moleculon Research corp., v. CBS, Inc., 793 F. 2d 1261, 229 USPQ 805 (FED. Cir. 1986); In re Baxter, 656 F. 2d 679, 210 USPQ 795, 803 (CCPA 1981).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JYOTHSNA A. VENKAT whose telephone number is 571-272-0607. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30-7:30:1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL WOODWARD can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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